

# LABOR UNIONS CHARGE GRAFT IN ALASKA EXPLOITATIONS

## RUMORS POINCARÉ GOVERNMENT MAY FALL PERSISTENT

Premier Gets Vote of Confidence, but Demand for Ballot Comes Daily.

By United Press  
PARIS, Feb. 11.—Premier Poincaré got another vote of confidence from the chamber of deputies today—360 to 182—in connection with his financial program, but rumors his government may fall at any time persisted.

Poincaré, it was pointed out, has been forced to make an issue and demand confidence almost daily for the last month and several times has threatened to retire.

In addition his health is reported falling under the task of keeping up his aggressive foreign policy and at the same time keeping a disgruntled parliament in line.

Today's vote came in connection with an amendment to the general financial measure to suppress the government's text providing for no new state employees.

## AUTO LICENSE FEE REFUND PROBLEM REMAINS TANGLED

Jackson and Governor at Swords Points While Lesh Holds Third Opinion.

With Governor McCray opposed to a refund of excess automobile license fees totaling \$1,000,000, Secretary of State Ed Jackson urging immediate payment and Attorney General U. S. Lesh maintaining a legislative act is needed to pry open the treasury, the situation arising from the Supreme Court decision holding the 1924 license law invalid today became more complicated.

While a conference has been called at the Governor's office Tuesday for highway commissioners, the Secretary of State and the attorney general, little prospect exists that a rehearing will be asked, it is believed.

Governor McCray has declared excess fees should go to the highway department for road construction purposes.

McCray contends that an act of the legislature would be required to authorize refund of fees turned into the State treasury.

Jackson said, "I will insist upon immediate refund."

"Who will you insist to?" he was asked.

"I don't know, yet," he replied, "Just say I am waiting developments."

In the meantime, State Auditor Robert W. Bracken was waiting for Lesh to rule upon the legality of transferring \$650,000 in inheritance tax funds, existing mythically in the general fund, which is now \$9,000,000 in debt.

John D. Williams, director of the highway department, said the department would not need the inheritance money until about March 1.

## VET'S FUNERAL TUESDAY

Jonathan R. Murphy, 80, Dies at Home Sunday.

Funeral services of Jonathan A. Murphy, 80, a Civil War veteran, who died at his home, 628 N. Alabama St., Sunday, will be held at the residence at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. M. B. Hyde and the Rev. Alvin E. Plummer officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Murphy was born near Mechanicsburg, Ind. He served in Company 9, 69th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers in 1876.

He was a member of the Grace M. E. Church and the Independent Order of Old Fellows, No. 44, Indianapolis.

## FUNERAL AT CINCINNATI

Paper Stock Company Manager Dies at Methodist Hospital.

Funeral services for Carroll Clark, general manager of the National Paper Stock Company of Indianapolis and of the Toledo Paper Stock Company, who died Sunday at the Methodist hospital, will be held Tuesday, 3 p. m., at the Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel, Cincinnati.

Mr. Martin had lived for five years at 946 N. Meridian St.

He is survived by a son, Carroll Clark Jr. of Toledo; his mother, Mrs. Albert G. Clark of Mobile, Ala.; two brothers and a sister of Mobile.

## CLUBS TO STAGE PLAY

The Indianapolis Federation of Community Clubs will present a modern play at Tomlinson Hall in March. It was announced today by Edward O. Sneathen, president. The proceeds will go to carry out the federation program.

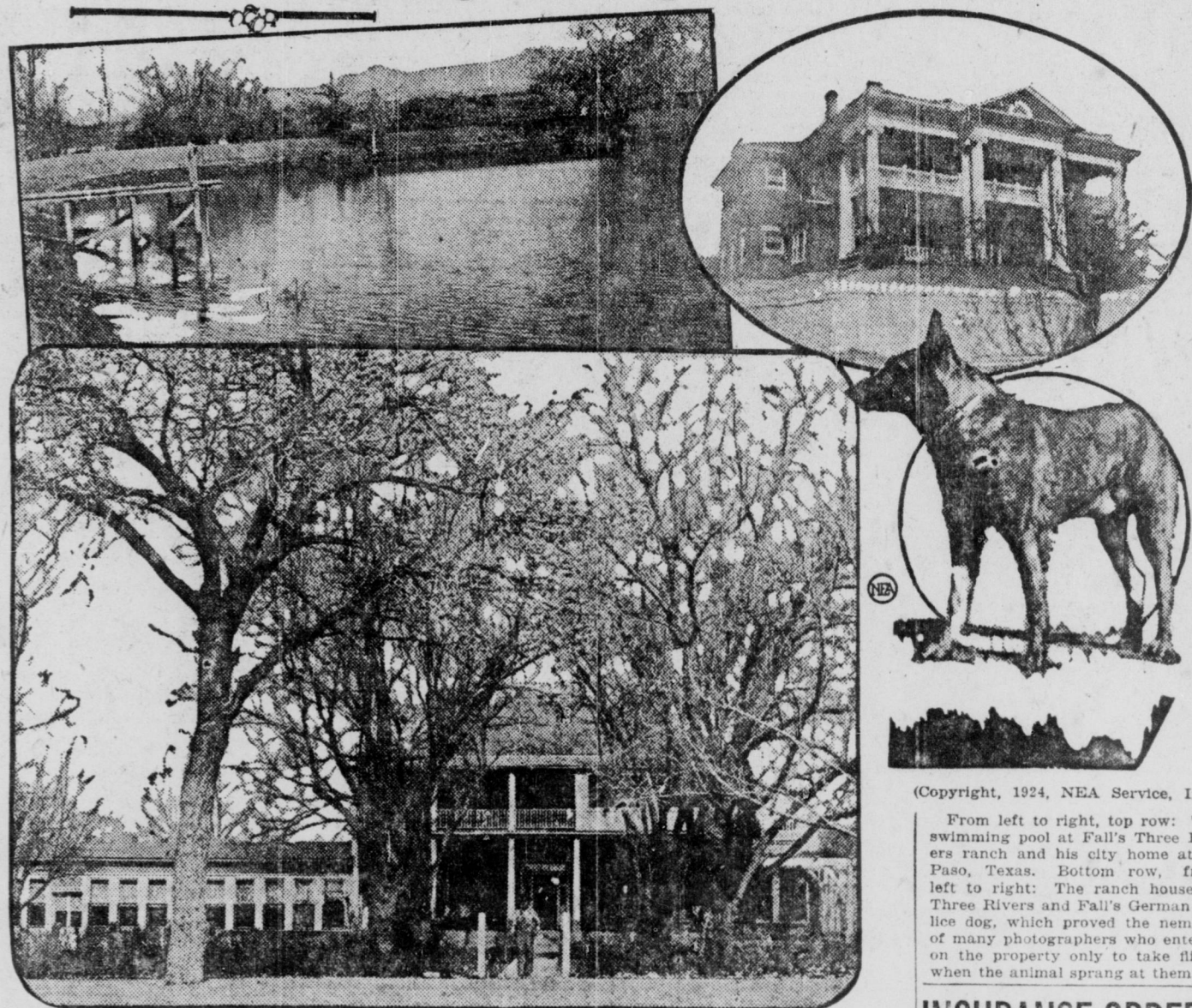
G. Carleton Guy, dramatic director of the city recreation department, will with the federation finance committee at 5 p. m. today in Sneathen's office, 416 Indiana Trust Bldg., and will present a play for approval. Mrs. J. H. Schneider is chairman of the finance committee.

## PARKER GRAY, 51, DIES

Funeral services of Parker Gray, 51, who died Sunday at his home, 513 Broadway, will be held from the residence Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Gray was born in Madison, Ind., and had lived in Indianapolis for forty years. He is survived by his widow and his mother, Mrs. Rose Gray of Indianapolis.

## Exclusive Pictures of Fall's New Mexico Ranch Now Figuring in Teapot Dome Senate Probe



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Eluding a cordon of cowpunchers, said to have been especially detailed by former Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall to keep photographers

from taking pictures of his ranch at Three Rivers, N. M., NEA cameramen successfully ran the blockade. Their intrepid dash through the lines netted The Indianapolis

Times these first and exclusive photos of the Fall property, now the center of Senatorial investigation into the transfer of naval reserve oil lands to private interests.

## SCOUTS ASSIST IN LINCOLN SERVICES

Boys Will Visit Monument Tuesday.

Boy Scouts today took leading parts in exercises in public schools in honor of Abraham Lincoln. Scouts assisted as part of the fourteenth anniversary of national Boy Scout week.

F. O. Belzer, Scout executive, was to present a flag this afternoon to the room at School No. 54 making the best showing in a marching program.

In other schools, Scouts in uniform served as ushers, color bearers and buglers, and in flag ceremonies.

Tuesday afternoon all Scouts will make a pilgrimage to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Scout officials will explain pictures in the gallery under the monument. Special emphasis will be given to the exhibit pertaining to Lincoln.

Individual troops will give community programs Wednesday and Thursday. A luncheon of the executive board Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce will terminate the week's activities.

## MRS. SHIPLEY GETS SIX MONTHS TERM

Columbus Case Involved Grade School Girls.

By Times Special  
COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 11.—Six months in the woman's prison at Indianapolis for the sentence today given Mrs. Rachael Shipley by Special Judge W. J. Lambert in juvenile court.

She was found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter, Olive, 15, and a dozen other girls of grade school age.

The case concerned alleged parties at the home of Mrs. Shipley, which involved prominent men and girls.

It opened here Feb. 4, attracting widespread attention, and assumed a picnic character, many coming early and bringing lunch, in order to not miss any testimony.

The daughter and two married men, Harry Fielder and Clifford Misner, are yet to be tried on charge of delinquency and contributing to delinquency.

## PRESTO-LITE HAS PARTY

Employees Dance Into "Wee Hours" at Big Soirée.

Fifteen hundred employees of the Presto-Lite Company, arrived at their work on time this morning in spite of the fact that they danced and played until the "wee hours" of the morning at the Presto-Lite annual frolic Saturday night in the Speedway Community House.

J. W. McLaughlin, works manager, had charge of the festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann of Speedway Club, were declared the prize winners.

## Hog Serum Firm Founded

Articles of incorporation were filed today at the office of the Secretary of State for the Peters Hog Serum Company, capital \$2,500, with offices at the Union Stockyards. Incorporators: J. B. R. Peters, J. F. Stewart and E. A. Whiting, all of Indianapolis.

## SCHOOLS AND CLUBS PAY LINCOLN HONOR

Public Classes to Be Dismissed Tuesday—Shortridge, Manual and Technical Hold Services.

Indianapolis paused today to reflect that Tuesday is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Public and private schools and colleges held memorial services.

Public schools will be closed Tuesday. The school board emphasized that half-day cooking and sewing classes will not be held.

Roll room, history and literature (class periods at Technical High School were given over to discussion of Lincoln's life and effect on American history. President Alfred F. Hughes of Evansville College spoke.

## Loyal Legion Program

A special meeting of the Commandery of Indiana, Loyal Legion of the United States, was held at the Lincoln at noon. Capt. James E. White read the Gettysburg address; the Rev. Jean S. Miller gave a "Southwestern Appreciation of Lincoln." "A Minute With Lincoln" was the subject of Col. Oran Perry. Capt. F. M. Van Pelt spoke on "A Vote for Lincoln."

Earl Berger was pupil chairman of Lincoln exercises at Manual Training High School. Juana Williams opened the program. Quotations on Lincoln's ideas of citizenship were given by Veima Chadwell, Marie Davids, Adrien Highfill, Lydia Monroe, Evelyn Byrne, Harold Neely, Anna Knap. Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby was read by Berice Postel.

Quotations on war and peace. Charles Wyratt, Earl Berger, Ralph Adams, Walter Jackson, Mary Farver, John Clayton read the Gettysburg address.

Quotations on government and law: Glen Williams, Wilfred Swartz, Elmer Williams, Ernest Hull, Helma Kahn, Margaret Joseph, Charles Renner, Howard Ury, Lillian Isaacs, Bernice Noerr, Thelma Rapier, Howard Wolf.

A recitation was given by Louise Schnepp and a reading from Dr. W. W. "Abraham Lincoln" was given by Miss Lola Perkins.

## Services at Shortridge

Two services were held in the Shortridge auditorium. William Wiedland, Red Cross representative, spoke at the first service. Miss Louise Dauener, accompanied by Mrs. Dauener, played a violin solo.

At the second service Prof. Howard E. Jensen of Butler University spoke. A group of songs was sung by Miss Sylvia Tschudi, accompanied by Miss Christine Hausman. At the close of each service, the Shortridge Cornet Quartette, composed of Hedy Woodbury, William Hadley, Kenneth Martin, and Robert Schultz, played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Respects to Lincoln's memory will be paid tonight at the regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus at Third and Delaware Sts. The Gettysburg address will be read by Thomas McGee and the Cathedral choir, under Elmer Steffen, will sing patriotic numbers.

President Robert J. Alej will speak at Butler University services Wednesday.

Earl Conder, attorney, discussed "Lincoln's Boyhood," before the Gryo Club. The Muncie Boy Scout Quartette sang.

The Mercator Club will hold exercises at the Lincoln Tuesday. Godfred D. Yeager is booster.

Miss Julia Harrison Moore of the faculty discussed the "Life of Lincoln" at Teachers' College of Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Fourth Degree Association will hold exercises at the Lincoln Tuesday.

Applications will be received at the adjutant general's office.

## INSURANCE ORDER BRINGS SEQUEL IN INJUNCTION SUITS

Fifty-Eight Companies Seek to Curb Action by Thomas McMurray.

Injunction to prevent Thomas S. McMurray, State insurance commissioner, from enforcing his order of Jan. 29, fixing commissions to be paid agents for fire insurance companies, was asked by fifty-eight insurance companies in two suits filed in Federal Court today.

McMurray's action was "arbitrary, unreasonable, wrongful and oppressive, unconstitutional and void, and in excess of powers granted him by law," the complaint stated.

If the order becomes effective it will confiscate the plaintiffs' property and deprive them of their property without due process of law, it was charged.

Unless the order is complied with, McMurray threatens to revoke authority of the companies and their agents to do business in Indiana, it is charged.

Companies with policies amounting to more than \$300,000,000 in Indiana and having 3,500 agents in the State are affected, according to the complaint.

An injunction forbidding McMurray from interfering in any way with transaction of business by the companies is asked.

The case must be heard by three Federal judges, as it presents constitutional questions.

## From Far and Near

Protestant clergymen in New York are considering a new organization to supplant the Anti-Saloon League.

Three men are held in Philadelphia on \$2,500 bail, charged with smuggling liquor into the United States from the Bahamas for a Cleveland drug firm.

Harry Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, will sail from Southampton for United States Tuesday.

Six persons are dead and two badly burned following destruction of "Jim Sally's Inn," historic roadhouse near Rockville Center, Long Island, by fire Sunday.

Police discount story of William Jewel, negro, Chicago, that Katherine Malm, known as the Wolf woman, has confessed to murder of Richard C. Tesmer, business man.

Former Premier Clemenceau, France has definitely retired from public life he declared today. Clemenceau denied he had been summoned by president Millerand to confer about premier ship.

Premier Stanley Baldwin was given a vote of confidence in conservative caucus at London today.

Called Peter" changed or stopped at Police censors ordered "Simon Washington Theater. Leonard Wood, Jr., is producing the show.

Senator King, Utah, introduced a resolution in Senate today providing for international conference to discuss the world's ills.

Merger of United Shoe Workers of America with the Shoe Workers' Protective Union will be made soon, William J. Ryan, general secretary of the latter organization, said today.

## Coolidge Urged to Press 'Clean-Up' in Northern Province—Fall and Denby Implicated in Alleged Conspiracy Over Coal Fields.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Representatives of the "big four" labor unions are preparing to press President Coolidge for action on their request for a "clean up" in Alaska.

In a letter to Mr. Coolidge the labor men said such an investigation "will reveal conspiracy of magnitude and ramifications more serious and baneful by far than the disclosures resulting from the naval oil investigation. Our investigation convinces us that the Alaskan railroad is a victim of deliberate intrigue and conspiracy carried on over a long period, directed by influences hostile to it, which are determined to destroy it as a Government owned railroad and to exploit Alaska for their exclusive benefit."

"After forcing its construction costs to excessive figures, they have prevented tonnage development for it, making it a financial failure," the letter added.

The investigation called by the labor leaders would center on the Alaskan railroad, but would include steamship lines and other industries.

Former Secretary of Interior Fall in May, 1922, obtained the transfer of this mine, which was a naval reserve, from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior by the signing of an order by Secretary Denby.

Immediately after the transfer Fall ordered all operations in the mine stopped. Meantime a special board of the Navy Department conducted tests of the Matanuska coal to determine if it could be used for naval fuel.

Police asked this question today as they investigated both incidents.

Two boys, according to David Haley, 3517 N. Capitol Ave., saw a Ford coupe stop at the sidewalk, two men get out and drag a screaming, struggling young woman into the car. They sped north. A motorist chased the coupe and night riders searched for some time, but it was lost. A detective team, on another call, told of narrowly escaping collision with a speeding Ford coupe.

Sam Troitsky, manager of the Indianapolis Tire Service, 626 N. Meridian St., called police when he found a woman's coat suit, a thin ermine dress and silk underclothing in the manhole. They were rapped as if they had been torn off the wearer.

The reports recall the abduction of Mrs. Helen Hager Wheelchell, 1854 Applegate St., by a man in an automobile the night of Nov. 27, and the finding of her body west of the city the next morning.

Police say they have heard, indirectly, of a number of automobile abductions of young women by young men, but the victims, desiring to avoid publicity, have not reported to authorities.

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## PROBE TO FOLLOW FINDING BURIED BODY OF WOMAN

Wife Accuses Husband of Slaying Aged Grandmother.

By United Press  
PLAQUETTE, Ind., Feb. 11.—The Marshall County grand jury will meet in special session this week to investigate the murder of Mrs. Frances Sweet, 83, her grandson, Raymond E. Smith, 35, is under arrest on charge of first degree murder.

A call for the grand jury session was sent today following the coroner's inquest over the body of the aged woman yesterday.

Coroner's verdict was withheld pending the questioning of several witnesses.

Smith was taken to the undertaking establishment, where his grandmother's body lay, and shown the body. He was greatly disturbed by the sight of the body, but refused to make any statement to officials investigating the death.

Smith was arrested immediately after the body was found under the cement foundation of a henhouse on his farm near here. The aged woman had been missing two years.

Feeling Runs High

Feeling is running high and an effort is being made to clear up mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of three other members of Smith's family in recent years.

Authorities admit, however, they have not yet uncovered any evidence which would place responsibility for the deaths of the other three upon Smith.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, gave authorities a detailed description of the killing of Mrs. Sweet based upon a "confession" she said her husband made to her.

She said he told her "he shot the old woman to get her out of the way," and buried her body where it was found yesterday.

Kept Secret, Says Wife

The wife said she had kept the secret for two years under threat from Smith that he would kill her if she breathed a word about the crime.

Neighbors, after the body of the aged woman was found, recalled that Smith's father was the victim of a "hammer murder," which was never cleared up; that his mother died under mysterious circumstances, and that his first wife died of a "lingering malady," which authorities believe may have been poison.

All three deaths occurred within the last six years.

Plymouth in Turmoil

Plymouth was thrown into turmoil by the discovery of the aged woman's body. A search throughout the entire northern part of Indiana was made at the time of her disappearance in February, 1922.

When search failed, it was believed she had wandered off and had been drowned in the river near her home.

Smith was one of the most respected citizens of the county, and as a musician in the Plymouth band was known and liked by every one.

His second wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, whose suit for divorce led to the discovery of the aged woman's body, and who dropped his mantle of politeness and showed the most violent temper at home.

Steps to Build Garage Advance

Occupants Moving From Circle Building Site.

Although public announcements have been withheld, steps for construction of a garage on the southwest corner of Monument Pl. are under way despite opposition of the city. Stores in the proposed site are being vacated.

A court injunction prevents the city from withdrawing a building permit issued for the garage.

Taylor E. Groninger, corporation counsel, said the city legal department would use every resource to oppose the garage.

Councilman Otto Ray, leading the council fight has already obtained passage of an ordinance prohibiting cutting the sidewalk on the Circle, and said he would continue the fight at the next meeting if necessary by asking special funds to conduct a legal fight.

'WOMAN' APPEARS AGAIN

Police Continue Search for Man in Disguise Who Accosts Girls.

Police today continued their search for a man dressed as a woman, who is twice reported to have accosted young women on the streets.

The last report was made by Miss Dorothy Cox and Miss Gertrude Cox, 335 N. Forest Ave., who told police they were accosted near their home by a "woman" who spoke in a bass voice and left by his wife.

The impersonator appeared first Friday night in the 900 block of E. Washington St.

Isaiah Walton League Banquet

By Times Special  
LANSING, Mich., Feb. 11.—The local chapter of the Isaiah Walton League of America will hold its annual banquet here Wednesday. It will be a combined meeting with the State division.

Dr. Preston Bradley, Chicago, widely known speaker, will talk on "Benefits of the Outdoor Life to American People."

The lecture is to be broadcast from the Michigan Agricultural College station.

## REPORT ON VET BUREAU RECALLS FLOOR WAX DEAL

Transaction in Which Watson Was Mentioned Called Maladministration.

Times Washington Bureau, 112 New York Ave., Feb. 11.—Although Senator Watson of Indiana and John Owen, his campaign manager, escape mention in the report of Gen. John F. O'Ryan on the Veterans' Bureau, the "floor wax contract" of the Continental Chemical Company is pointed out as indication of "maladministration and gross neglect" in the bureau management.

The report filed, with the Senate today discusses at length the abuses in the Veterans' Bureau. General O'Ryan was the special investigator and counsel for the Senate Committee which inquired into the Bureau affairs.

A special grand jury is sitting at Chicago now to consider further action against persons involved in the general investigation, but who is being considered is now known.

The Continental Chemical Company incident referred to was brought out early in the hearing. It was charged that Owen had obtained the contract because of his relationship with Watson and that a quantity of floor wax far in excess of needs was purchased.

It was also charged the Government could have provided a preparation to do similar and equally as good work for about one-fourth the cost of the floor wax.

Owen and other officials of the company presented affidavits to refute much of the testimony later and the committee did not call Watson to testify. In fact, until this report was made, discussion of the contract was abandoned in the committee investigation.

The report of the committee was brief. It was: "The lack of system which enabled a bureau official to place contracts for excessive quantities of material for the alleged needs of the bureau as in the case of the order to the Continental Chemical Company for floor wax and cleaner is another indication of the maladministration and gross neglect formerly existing in the bureau."

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